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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1952.

To His Worship the Mayor, and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1952.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate).....1952....
.....4,393.....

	Borough of Tenby, 1952	Borough of Tenby, 1951	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	13.2	15.9	15.4	15.3
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	10.7	15.4	11.68	11.3
Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	Nil	28.2	25.04	27.6

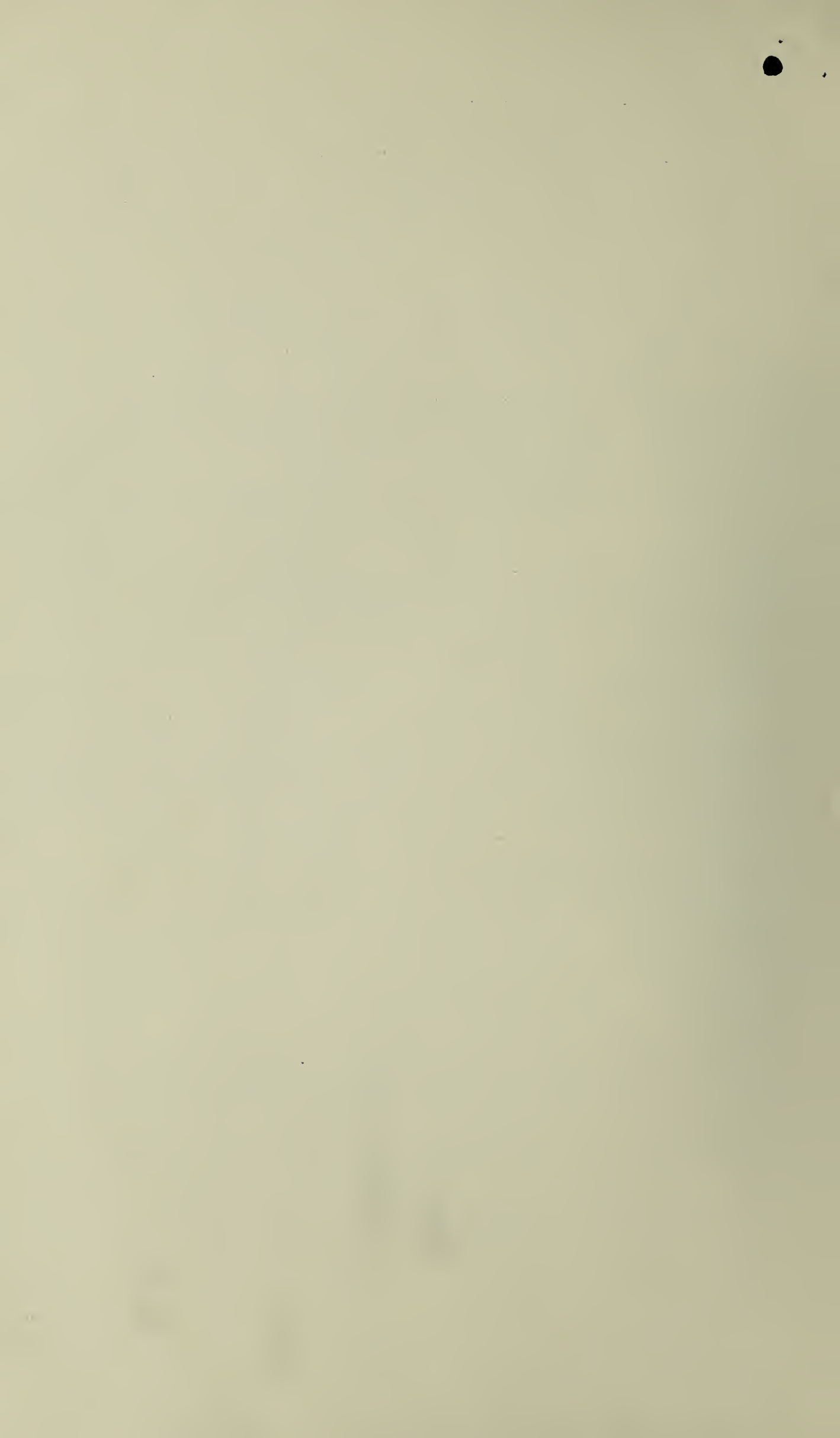
Causes of Death

	M.	F.
Total (all causes)	23	24
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	-
Cancer	1	3
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	3
Coronary disease, angina	2	2
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
Other heart disease	6	8
Other circulatory disease	1	2
Pneumonia	1	-
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	1	-
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	3	4
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	1	-

The Death Rate is very appreciably lower than in the last few years, and is lower than that for the County of Pembroke and for the whole of the Country.

More than half the deaths, 55%, were of persons over the age of 70 years, and of these 50% were over 80 years of age.

There were no deaths of infants under one year of age.



NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever 1 Poliomyelitis 1 Diphtheria 1

The cases of Poliomyelitis and Diphtheria were admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble, for treatment. The case of Diphtheria occurred in a child, normally resident outside the Borough, who had not been immunised, and was diagnosed after admission to Tenby Cottage Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of respiratory Tuberculosis was notified and admitted to hospital during the year. A second case, notified previously, was also admitted to Hospital.

There was one death due to respiratory Tuberculosis.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the Autumn, and spent three days in Tenby:

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total number of Persons Examined	900	370	530
Definite Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Nil		
Needing further Observation for Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3 or 0.33%	2	1
Healed Primary lesions	34	16	18
Non-tubercular abnormalities	47	24	23

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Free vaccination against Smallpox is offered to all babies, and any other persons for whom it may be advisable. This is carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council for notification of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt. Records were received of 6 primary and 4 secondary vaccinations during the year.

IMMUNISATION

This is also carried out by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards. Records for immunisation for only 7 children under the age of 5 years were received, although there is every reason to believe that a far greater number have in fact been immunised. Re-inforcing injections were given to 38 children of school age.

Other arrangements for Local Health Services are carried out by the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

Investigations were made of several cases reported, but no statutory action was found to be necessary.

WATER

The whole of the Borough, with the exception of a few out-lying areas, has a mains supply. There are no stand-pipes. The number of houses supplied direct from the mains is 1,290.

The construction of the new 9" trunk main was completed up to Twy Cross, and work on the new reservoir was started.

Twelve samples taken during the year all proved satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Western Outfall

Work was continued during the year on the work of repair to the Western Outfall sewer. A new method of driving the piles was tried out (with greater success than any previous methods), utilising a compressed air jet for excavating in sand. While work was suspended during the latter part of the year on the authority of the Consulting Engineers, it was hoped that the progress made during the year would foretell the completion of this scheme in the very near future.

The Green

Complaints of flooding were still being received in the Green area, especially during periods of intensive rainfall. Investigation has shown that the situation in this area is aggravated by the acceptance of a considerable sized stream in the public sewer which becomes a raging torrent after any appreciable rainfall. Complaints regarding smell nuisance have been received and investigations have been made into the causes of these complaints. The causes appear to be manifold, including the present high content of gas works liquor discharged from Tenby Gas Works, and the ineffective road gullies in the area, which gullies have no effective water seal and therefore act as ventilators, especially when the penstock is closed on the seaward end of the tank sewer. A further suggestion has been made to increase the ventilation on the tank sewer.

Beaches

Isolated complaints of fouling of the beaches were received from visitors. While thorough inspection of the beaches during the season was carried out, no visible evidence of sewage contamination was seen. On one occasion a brownish slimy deposit was found on portions of the south beach, but on analysing a sample it was reported that the deposit showed no evidence of sewage contamination.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The refuse collection vehicle has operated satisfactorily. Refuse is tipped at Marsh Road, at which there is some degree of control.

HOUSING

No new Council houses were completed during the year, due to the failure of the Contractor. It was decided that the completion of the contract should be carried out by direct labour under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor.

FOOD

No routine inspection of cafes, shops and other premises handling food, was carried out until the additional Sanitary Inspector was appointed in November.

No samples of milk or ice-cream were taken.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

Dorothy M. Griffiths,

M.B., E.S., D.P.H.

PARTICULARS OF SANITARI INSPECTOR'S WORK.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1952.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	41
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column).	26
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	15

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR.

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil

No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners). Nil

Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Nil

No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners). Nil

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made. Nil

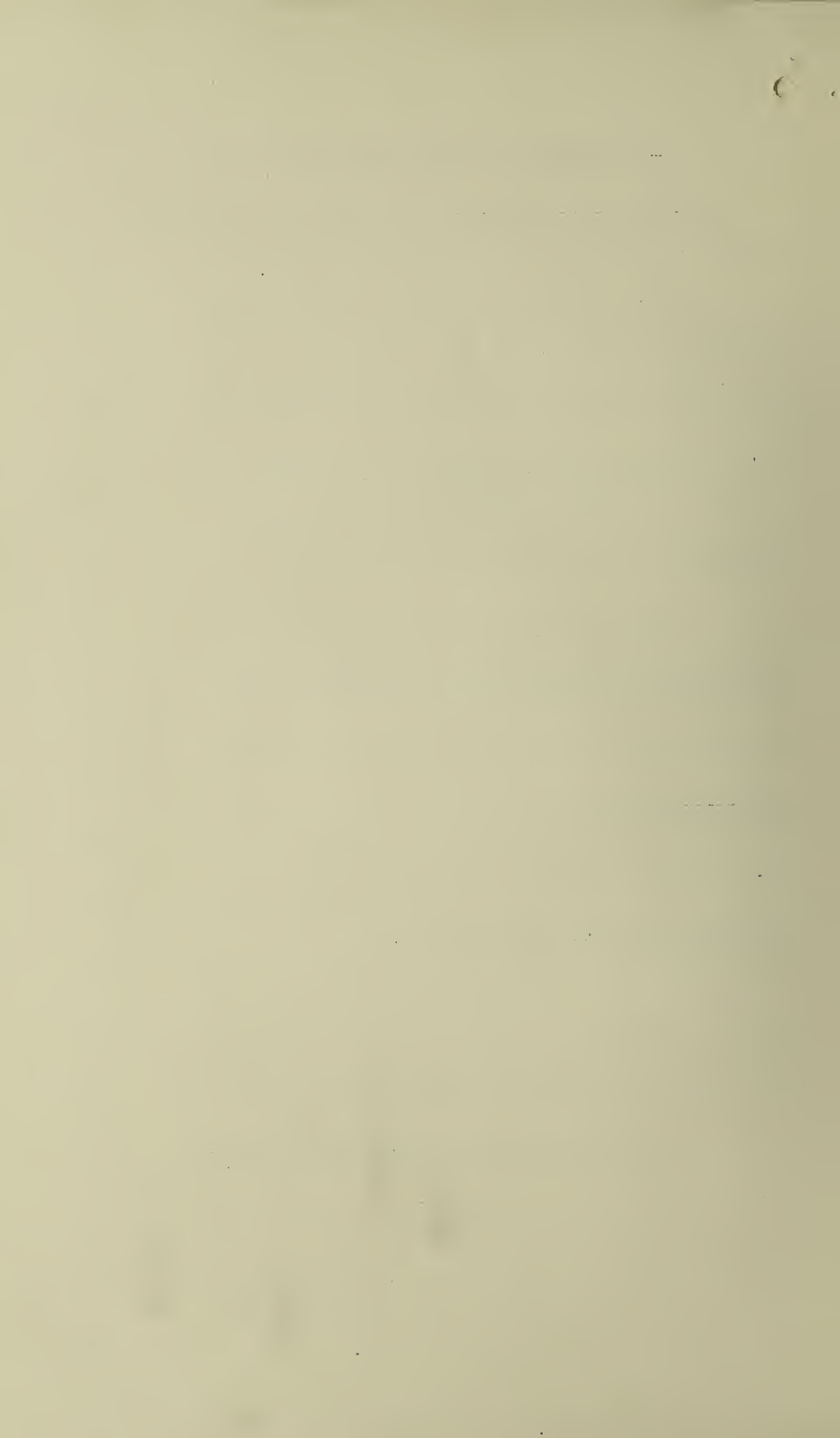
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders. Nil

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made. Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year.	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein.	Not known
No. of persons dwelling therein.	Not known
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year.	Not known
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	2
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	9



SANITARY INSPECTION.

Particulars of Work carried out during year 1952.

No. of complaints received 30

No. of defects or nuisances discovered 36

No. of Premises visited.

Food Premises

Bakeries 5

Butchers 10

Icecream premises 24

Grocers 7

Cafe Kitchens 23

Miscellaneous 10

Other premises and
Miscellaneous duties. 35

Corporate Estate 11

No. of Notices served.

Preliminary: Housing Nil
 Other Nil

Statutory: Housing Nil
 Other Nil

Summary Action.

Summonses issued Nil

Convictions obtained Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of Registered Dairymen. 1

No. of Retailers in the Borough 6

No. of Inspections 3

Milk Samples

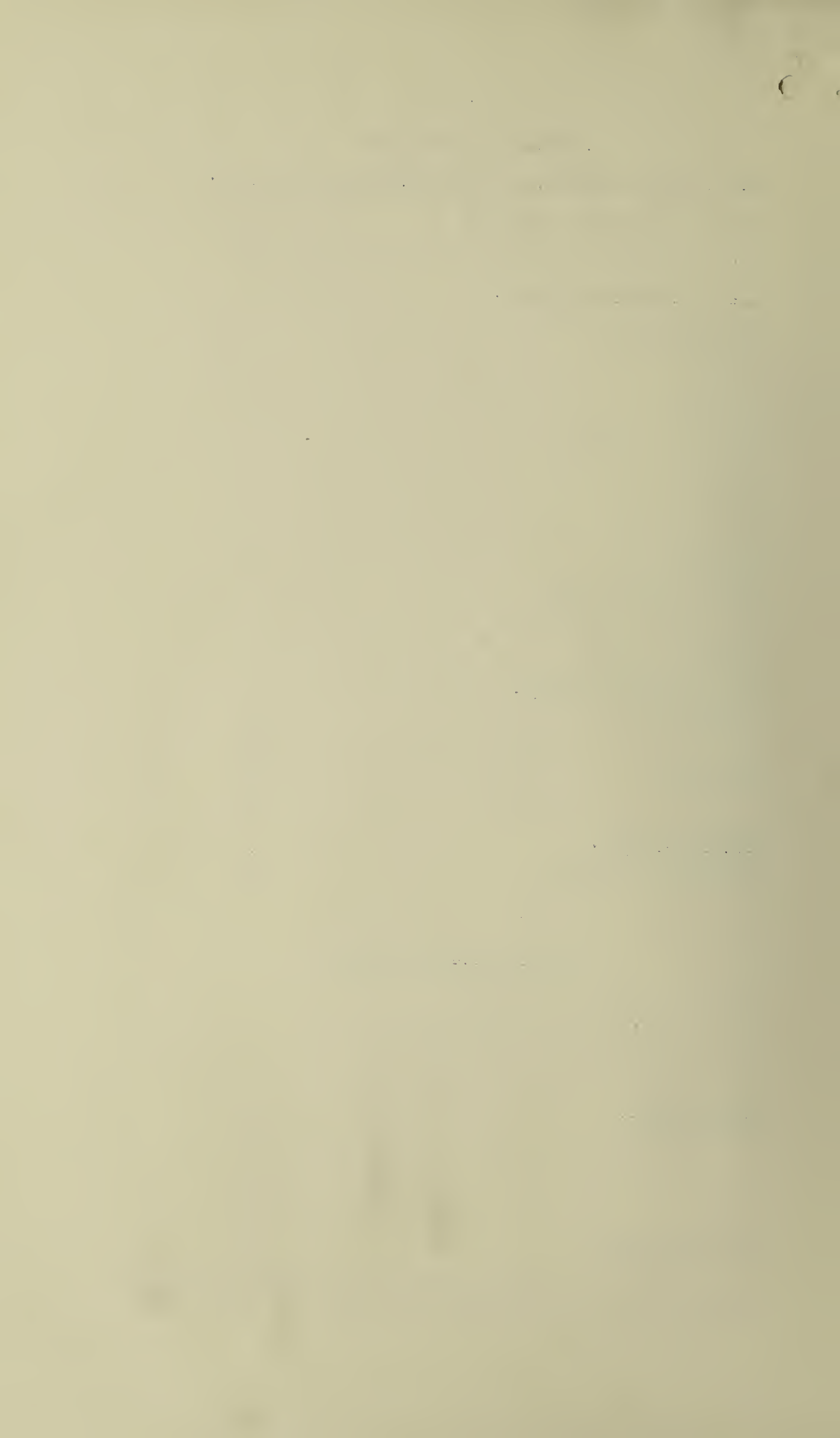
Satisfactory Nil

Unsatisfactory Nil

Total: Nil

Food Inspection

A total of 3 cwts 59 lbs 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of tinned meat, and
1 cwt 51 lbs 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of other foodstuffs were voluntarily
surrendered by traders during the year.



Movable Dwellings.

3 Licences permitting the use of Caravan Sites were issued for the months of April to September, 1952.

On two sites considerable improvements have been carried out in the provision of permanent water supplies, water closets and adequate drainage facilities, and means of storage and disposal of refuse. Further improvements are anticipated for 1953. One water sample was taken from a tap supplied from a shallow well on the site, the Analyst's Report stating that the supply was pure and fit for human consumption.

Copies of the Conditions of Licence and of the new Model Rules for Campers were issued with the licences. These conditions and rules are to be enforced as from April, 1953.

Rodent Control.

A Rodent Operative was employed wholetime during the year.

Number of Properties inspected.....	271
Number of Properties found to be infested by Rats....	149
Number of Properties found to be infested by Mice.....	15
Number of infested properties treated.....	152

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(1)Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	48	25	Nil	Nil
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	11	7	Nil	Nil
(iii)Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total:	59	32	Nil	Nil

L. J. Cottrell.

Borough Surveyor.

